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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

### 1. DAEDALUS LICENSE APPROVED (SECRET)

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROVED THE DAEDALUS LICENSE APPLICATION JUNE 6 FOR EXPORT OF INFRARED SCANNING EQUIPMENT TO THE PRC. THE DECISION, TAKEN AFTER THE COMPANY FILED AN APPEAL, REVERSES AN EARLIER DENIAL OF THE SAME EQUIPMENT. THE AGENCIES IN THE OPERATING COMMITTEE APPROVED THE LICENSE ONLY AFTER WE AGREED TO MEET DOD'S CONDITION THAT THE APPROVAL WOULD NOT BECOME A PRECEDENT FOR SALE OF COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION OR OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. WE, EB, SP, AND NSC HAVE AGREED ON  
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APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO USE IN COCOM THAT WILL PRESERVE THIS CONDITION AND ARE NOW WAITING ONLY FOR COMMERCE AND DEFENSE CLEARANCE BEFORE FORMALLY NOTIFYING DAEDALUS AND SENDING THE CASE TO COCOM. (DAEDALUS' \$2.8 MILLION GROSS EARNINGS MAY SLIGHTLY EXCEED THE COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE BUREAUCRATIC TIME DEVOTED TO FACILITATING THE EARNINGS.)

2. CONGRESSIONAL TOURISM IN CHINA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CONGRESSMAN CHARLES ROSE OF NORTH CAROLINA APPLIED THROUGH HAN HSU SEVERAL MONTHS AGO FOR A STRICTLY TOURIST VISIT TO CHINA FOR HIMSELF, HIS WIFE, AND FIVE PERSONAL FRIENDS. CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE HAS RESPONDED FROM PEKING, SUGGESTING A VISIT AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 7. THE CONGRESSMAN IS NOW UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE CAN GO BUT HAS ACCEPTED OUR OFFERS OF BRIEFINGS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IF HE DOES MAKE THE TRIP.

3. CODEL BYRD (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MIKE OKSENBERG TELLS ME THAT FRANK MOORE STILL HAS NOT COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROSPECTIVE BYRD-LED CODEL; MIKE IS PRESSING TO GET A MOORE-BYRD COMMITMENT FOR NOVEMBER. THIS ISSUE CONTINUES TO DELAY OUR SETTling WITH THE CHINESE THE QUESTION OF THE SLACK SUBCOMMITTEE VISIT. WE'LL BE TALKING FURTHER ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH DOUG BENNETT.

4. CHINESE STUDENT VISA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

USLO HAS ISSUED ITS FIRST STUDENT VISA TO A CHINESE, THE TEN-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER OF A NUCLEAR PHYSICS PROFESSOR. WE ASSUME THAT THE CHINESE DECISION TO ISSUE THE EXIT  
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PERMIT AND PASSPORT TO THE GRANDDAUGHTER IN WHAT MIGHT BE RECORD TIME IS BASED EITHER ON THE PRC'S NEW EMPHASIS ON CULTIVATING OVERSEAS CHINESE OR ON THE GRANDFATHER'S CONNECTIONS IN THE US NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY.

5. SPECIAL CHINESE FLIGHTS MIGHT BE COMING TO US (CONFIDENTIAL)

ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT APPROACHED US FORMALLY, PRCLO HAS MENTIONED TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE THAT THE CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE WILL ARRIVE IN THE US LATE THIS MONTH ON TWO SPECIAL CAAC FLIGHTS. SHOULD THE CHINESE GO AHEAD WITH THIS PROPOSAL, IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME FOR A CHINESE AIRCRAFT TO TOUCH DOWN IN THE US SINCE THE SECOND NIXON VISIT TO CHINA IN FEBRUARY 1976. IF SO, IT WILL AGAIN RAISE THE POSSIBILITY THAT A US CLAIMANT MAY SEEK TO ATTACH THE PLANES WHILE THEY ARE IN THE US. WE WILL WORK WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TRY TO AVOID ADVANCE PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE SPECIAL FLIGHTS AND WILL HAVE L POSITIONED TO INVOKE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT AN ATTACHMENT ACTION IS ATTEMPTED.  
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